

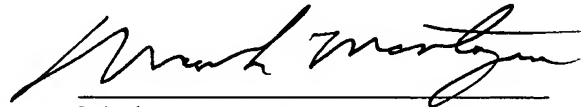
REMARKS

This preliminary amendment cancels claims 16-18, 20-22 and 27-35, claims that were either allowed or objected to in the parent application, serial no. 09/635,321. Claims 1-15, 19 and 23-26 have not been amended and are presented for consideration.

This continuation application includes all of the claims that were rejected in the parent application in view of the combination of Taylor (U.S. Patent 5,578,808) and Claus (U.S. Patent 5,461, 217) (Office Action dated October 22, 2003 in application serial no. 09/635,321). As will be discussed in a Communication to be filed shortly, it is submitted that the pending claims are patentably distinct and unobvious over this prior art.

The allowance of this continuation application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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